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District 180 News



East Carter High School

Grayson Chamber of Commerce encourages youth leadership at East Carter

The Grayson Chamber of Commerce sponsors a great program for students called the Carter County Youth Leadership Development Program.

This year's program was expanded to include 10 students from East Carter High School. Students who were interested in being selected for this program filled out applications during the spring of their sophomore year.

Those applications were blind-scored by administrators at Ashland Career and Technical Center and the highest scoring applicants were chosen. This year's group from East

Carter includes Zach Kiser, Addy Damron, Marlee Bair, Jacob Perkins, Maddie Dyer, Whitley Haney, Joslyn Burton, Cameron Rice, Ryan McDavid, and Mandy Langstaff.

Students in the program have the opportunity to further develop their leadership skills by creating and carrying out a project that enhances their community and schools. The students began the year with an overnight retreat orientation session at Carter Caves State Park prior to the beginning of school.

They came up with some great ideas for projects and are already working to put them into motion.



ECHS students working together at the overnight retreat

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Priority Schools in the News

Academy @ Shawnee and Waggener High School featured in article about JCPS school choice - <http://wfpl.org/post/school-choice-how-do-struggling-jcps-schools-attract-students>

Academy @ Shawnee Science and Engineering Club traveled to the [SSEP \(Student Spaceflight Experiments Program\) Conference in Washington DC](http://www.clclouisville.org/experiment-selected-for-iss-flight/) to present their experiment that is [currently on board the International Space Station](http://www.clclouisville.org/experiment-selected-for-iss-flight/) - <http://www.clclouisville.org/experiment-selected-for-iss-flight/>

Improvements on and off field earn School of the Week honors for Academy @ Shawnee - <http://www.wlky.com/news/high-school-playbook/school-of-the-week/improvements-on-and-off-field-earn-school-of-the-week-honors-for-shawnee/27888852>

Fairdale High School students win Advanced Placement Scholar Awards - <http://twitdoc.com/view.asp?id=144621&sid=33L9&ext=DOCX&lcl=AP-Scholars-Press-Release-2014.docx&usr=PrincipalFHS&doc=233073046&key=key-HnwbllIEUGBM4PRdqO0v>

Students from Fleming County High School, Metcalfe County High School, and Sheldon Clark High School were among some of the top finishers at the 2014 [Family, Career and Community Leaders of America \(FCCLA\) National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas](http://education.ky.gov/comm/news/Documents/R14-067%20FCCLA%20national%20winners.pdf) - <http://education.ky.gov/comm/news/Documents/R14-067%20FCCLA%20national%20winners.pdf>

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East Carter High School

The Champions Against Drugs organization at East Carter High School had the opportunity to take five students to Orlando, Fla., for the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America National Youth Leadership Initiative in July thanks to support from the Carter County Drug Free Coalition. Kerea Henderson, Mandy Lang-staff, Maddie Dyer, Sarah Griffith, and Marlee Bair attended, along with Shelly Steiner from the Carter County Drug Free Coalition and Courtney Martin, ECHS teacher.

These students collaborated with students and adults from all over the U.S. as well as 17 other countries. Since data from the KIP student survey given in 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grades every other year shows alcohol to be our school's most prevalent problem, the students developed a plan to reduce teenage alcohol use in Carter County.



ECHS students at the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America National Youth Leadership Initiative

Greenup County High School

Greenup County High School students shine at Greenup County Fair

The Greenup County Fair provides students with various opportunities to participate in competitions and activities. This year, 105 students participated in the livestock sale and nearly \$120,000 was collected. Three GCHS students captured the top three spots in the Miss Greenup County Fair Pageant: senior Emily Bond was named Miss Greenup County Fair, with senior Kate Campbell winning second place, and junior Angel Logan in third place. No matter the activities in which students participated, they represented GCHS extremely well. While their interests may be extremely diverse, their participation in the fair reveals their willingness to set high expectations for themselves.



Senior Madison Greene shows her lamb at the 2014 Greenup County Fair

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Monitoring program and support team helping students take ownership of education at Franklin-Simpson High School - http://www.kentuckyteacher.org/features/2014/07/support-and-advance/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KentuckyTeacher+%28Kentucky+Teacher%29

Frost Sixth-Grade Academy starts new school year off right - <http://www.ksba.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=523U0I&dasi=3G32>

Veteran educator takes the helm as principal of Hopkins County Central High School, wants to continue turnaround from PLA status - <http://surfkys.com/index.php/news/local/hopkins/50706-snodgrass-proud-of-hcchs-progress-priorities-continued-improvement>

[Hopkins County Central High School juniors](#) improved their ACT scores from previous year and topped the state average in every content area last spring - <http://surfkys.com/index.php/communities/75-hopkins-news/51575-act-scores-show-improvement>

JROTC units from Greenup County High School, Lawrence County High School, and East Carter County High School participate in summer leadership training - http://www.portsmouth-dailytimes.com/news/home_top-news/3887184/JROTC-members-receive-leadership-training

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Greenup County High School



Junior Anna McCleese claimed Grand Champion for the goat that she chose to show at the fair



Sophomore Bryce Adkins focuses during the showing of his goat

Congratulations to English teacher Byron Plummer and agriculture teacher Carrie Davis! They were both awarded AEG Mini-Grants. Each teacher will receive \$500.00 to pursue pre-planned projects with their students.

Lawrence County High School



Lawrence County High School Kentucky Governor's Scholars L to R: Jacob Osborne, Cole McCreary, Jacob West, Ben Mattingly, Laken Fitch, Abby Haynes (Absent from photo - Ashleigh Adkins and Warren Price)

Lincoln County High School

Lincoln County High School teacher receives Campbellsville University Excellence in Teaching award

Each year, Lincoln County principals nominate a teacher as a candidate for the Campbellsville University "Excellence in Teaching" award. The purpose of this award is to provide statewide recognition to those teachers who selflessly give of themselves to their

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From left: Natalie Sutton (LCHS), Diana Lane (Hustonville Elem.), & Rachael Yaden (LCMS)

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Iroquois High School to serve as host to the district's first International Academy - <http://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/local/southwest/2014/08/13/newcomer-academy-satellite-campus-opening-iroquois-high/13959819/>

Team of 14 new mental health counselors on the job in Jefferson County schools, including the ESL Newcomer Academy at Iroquois High School; part of larger effort to raise student test scores - <http://www.wdrb.com/story/26500067/jcps-hires-team-of-mental-health-counselors-to-help-students-deal-with-trauma>

Lawrence County High School kicks off new school year, hopes to spark new interest in academic team - <http://www.wowktv.com/story/26190473/lawrence-county-kentucky-kicks-off-a-new-school-year>

Unique program brings computer science curriculum to Lee County High School - http://www.kentuckyteacher.org/features/2014/08/down-to-a-computer-science/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KentuckyTeacher+%28Kentucky+Teacher%29

Improved ACT scores at Lincoln County High School nearly match state average - <http://www.ksba.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=523IYI&dasi=3G32>

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students each and every day.

The Lincoln County Board of Education acknowledged the three outstanding Lincoln County teachers who were named as Lincoln County's 2013-2014 recipients of the Campbellsville Excellence in Teaching award at the July 8th Board Meeting. Congratulations!

Pulaski County High School

Pulaski County High School FFA members attend state convention

Pulaski County FFA (Future Farmers of America) members attended the state FFA convention this June in Lexington. Trista Brown received her State FFA Degree, competed in Horse Impromptu Speaking, and was recognized for her Equine Science Entrepreneurship Proficiency application. Casey Hargis competed in Floral Design Impromptu Speaking and Kyle Morrow competed in Goat Impromptu Speaking. Joe Taylor and Kendra Hamilton represented the Pulaski County FFA chapter as delegates for state issues and state officer elections.



PCHS student places first at World Archery Tournament

Congratulations to Halee Lanigan for winning the World Archery Tournament in Madison, Wis.. She shot 296 out of 300 and finished first out of 1135 girls.



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Creation of "virtual school" linked to Metcalfe County High School designed to deliver learning opportunities to students who need a different pathway to graduation - <http://www.ksba.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=5PUUPY&dasi=3G32>

Perry Central High School partners with University of Pikeville for dual credit program - <http://perrycentralhigh.ky.pcc.schoolsites.com/?PageName=LatestNews&Section=LatestNews&ItemID=342197&ISrc=School&Type=News>

Teachers see progress in Valley Prep program - <http://www.ksba.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=52IGB0&dasi=3G32>

A school united – Waggener High School welcomes Myers Middle students - <http://www.wdrb.com/story/26340509/a-school-united-waggener-high-welcomes-myers-middle-students>

Are You Socially Connected to KDE?



KDE has both a Facebook page and a Twitter feed. Subscribe to the KDE Twitter feed by connecting to @KyDeptofEd. Access the KDE Facebook page [here](#) or by searching for "Kentucky Department of Education" on Facebook under "Government Organization."

Western High School Early College

Submitted by David Raleigh, ERL

While their peers were enjoying a lazy summer, Western's Early College scholars were hard at work preparing for their first year as full-time college students.

During August, these rising juniors and seniors took their first steps onto the Jefferson Community and Technical College (JCTC) downtown campus for our third annual Summer Bridge Camp.

In addition to college orientation and campus tours, these students participated in workshops designed to improve academic skills, promote collaborative learning, and provide academic support.

As full-time college students, these young scholars will enroll in up to 12 college credit hours per semester and will have full access to JCTC resources and facilities.



M&M Program at Stuart Middle School

The first year of teaching can be both rewarding and exciting. However, there are also times when it can be almost terrifying.

In an effort to provide additional one-to-one support for first or second year teachers, Stuart Middle School developed the Mentor/Mentee Program, or M&M for short. Stuart Middle has always supported new teachers, but this program was developed to provide a systematic approach to dealing with the various needs of new staff members.

By providing our new staff members with monthly meetings geared toward their individual needs as well as the school's needs, the M&M program has been a great success at Stuart Middle School.

By providing our new staff with support, we are able to proactively assist in areas that are needed, such as classroom management, lesson planning, formative assessment, etc.

This support group provides each new member with a veteran staff member to serve as their mentor. While the entire group meets monthly, the pairs meet weekly during their planning periods or before/after school.

The M&M Program is aligned with our overall school mission and vision. Not only are we supporting a culture of high expectations and unlimited possibilities for our students, but we are holding our staff members to the same standard.

It is the goal of the mentoring relationship to improve overall morale

of the staff, as well as the academic improvement of the first year teacher. Student data is used to help identify areas in which the new teacher may have strengths or areas for growth.

In addition, classroom management and teacher attendance data are used to determine the mentoring program's effectiveness.

One of the culminating activities of the mentoring program includes providing feedback of the program. We use this feedback to determine our next steps for the following school year.

Additionally, our Mentor/Mentee Program was selected to be highlighted as a best practice at the Continuous Improvement Summit held in Lexington in September.

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Education Commissioner Terry Holliday has been named the 2014 Policy Leader of the Year by the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). The honor is given annually to a national or state policymaker in recognition of his or her contributions to education. <http://www.nasbe.org/press-releases/kentucky-education-commissioner-terry-holliday-named-nasbe-2014-policy-leader-of-the-year/>

From Dr. Holliday's Fast Five on Friday, Week of July 28, 2014

The Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics has released a report that reflects the reality that many Kentucky high school students face after getting a high school diploma. This report reinforces the need for our focus on college/career readiness and underscores the importance of pre-

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paring all high school graduates to enter postsecondary programs – one-year, two-year, or four-year diploma or certification programs – prepared for credit-bearing work and with the skills necessary to succeed in careers that pay a living wage. <http://kentuckyp20.ky.gov/Reports/NoCollegeLowWagesJuly2014.pdf>

Kelly Foster, associate commissioner for the Office of Next Generation Schools and Districts in the Kentucky Department of Education, testifies before the Interim Joint Committee on Education; says leadership is key to improving low-achieving schools - <http://www.kyforward.com/our-government/2014/08/12/leadership-key-to-improving-low-achieving-schools-seen-as-state-education-priority/>

Kentucky graduates gain on students nationwide on ACT - <http://education.ky.gov/comm/news/Documents/R%2014-076%202014%20grads%20ACT2.pdf>

KDE task force to examine dual credit programs to improve consistency, equity and access; KBE member: overhaul of system needed, especially for career/tech classes - <http://www.ksba.org/KentuckySchoolAdvocate-Dualcredit.aspx>



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Send us your news!

We will be sending the next District 180 newsletter in January. If you have positive news related to your school, we would love to publish it in the newsletter! Links to news stories and/or pictures from the media are appreciated if you have them but not required.

We want to celebrate all the good things that are happening in Priority Schools! Please send all information to Donna Davis at donna.davis@education.ky.gov.

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